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The reply brief filed 1-24-07 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

For the reasons as stated in the examiner's answer, it is believed that the rejections should be sustained.

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